Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, the minimum educational qualification required for the post of a Health Inspector is just S.S.L.C. and training in an institute. But if Science graduates are straightaway appointed to these posts, is any extra remuneration for having studied the Science subjects at the University level, paid to the Health Inspectors who are Science graduates?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir. Even in other departments for posts requiring only a minimum educational qualification, if candidates with higher qualifications are available, we do not take any notice.

*Land-slides in the Nilgiris*

* 1792 *Q.*—Sri A. CHINNASAMI (on behalf of Sri T. T. DANIEL) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) he nature ofland-slides in Ootacamund; and

(*b*) how many deaths occurred due to land-slides?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) On 4th July 1961, in Cherangode village in the Nilgiris District, a slip took place near the top of the highest hill locally called Krishnagiri at a height of 1,500 feet. It in turn fell on the lower slopes causing another major slip. The resultant debris had covered a valley of about 400 yards wide and half a mile long with mud and broken trees to a depth of 40 to 50 feet.

(*b*) Twelve.

*Medical and Health Maintenance Scheme*

* 1793*Q*.—Sri N. MARUDACHALAM (on behalf of Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN) : கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) நமது ராஜ்யத்தில் புதிதாக மெடிகல் அண்டு ஹெல்த் டிபார்ட்மெண்டு மெய்ன்ட்டனன்ஸ் திட்டத்தை ஆரம்பிக்கப்படுட்ள்ளதா ?

(இ) அதனுல் வருடத்தில் எவ்வளவு மிச்சமாகிறது ?

(உ) இது யாரால் தீட்டப்பட்ட திட்டம் ?

(எ) மேற்படி திட்டம் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டால் நமது ராஜ்யத்தில் ஒவ்வொரு ஜில்லா Headquarters-களிலேயும் இலவசமாக workshop ஆரம்பித்துக் கொடுப்பதாக (அமெரிக்கன்) யூனிசப் டிரான்ஸ்போர்ட்டு ஆபீசர் சொன்னது உண்மையா ?

(ஐ) அதுபோல் உபயோகப்படுத்திக்கொள்ள எடுத்துக்கொண்ட நடவடிக்கை என்ன ?

(ஒ) இதேபோல் மற்ற டிபார்ட்மெண்டுகளுக்கும் திட்டம் ஆரம்பிக்க சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசமுண்டா?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) A scheme for the maintenance of motor vehicles of the Medical and Public Health Department has been started.

(*b*) It is too soon to assess the results of the scheme.

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(c) By the Government in consultation with the UNICEF authorities.

(d) The UNICEF have promised to supply spare parts and equipments free of charge subject to availability and to find out whether vehicles for the mobile teams for repairing vehicles could be supplied.

(e) Government have sanctioned mobile teams for the maintenance of vehicles. Consignments of spare parts have been received from the UNICEF for BCG and Primary Health Centre vehicles. They have also agreed to supply four sets of special tools and four vehicles to be used as mobile workshops.

(f) Government have already established one central workshop at Madras and Three Regional Workshops at Madurai, Salem and Thanjavur for carrying out repairs to all departmental vehicles under the control of the Madras Government excepting station wagons and motor cycles belonging to the Police Department. The Madras State Transport Department has got its own Workshop to attend to its vehicles.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Sir, may I know what are the main features of this maintenance scheme of the Medical Department? Is not our Government in a position to finance our own schemes and if not, what is the form of aid which is being promised by the UNICEF ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: That is what I have read just now—it is with regard to the maintenance of the motor vehicles supplied by the international agencies and also our own. The vehicles break down very often and repairs have to be done. So, the idea is to have regional as well as mobile units. I have already stated that the UNICEF have agreed to supply special tools and also four vehicles which will be used as mobile workshops and will be moving.

*Small-pox—Eradication of*

*1794 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the amount sanctioned by the Union Government to the State Government for eradication of small-pox in 1961–62; and

(b) the amount spent by the State Government and the preventive measures taken so far?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (a) Nil so far.

(b) The estimated cost of the scheme during 1961–62 is Rs. 4·93 lakhs exclusive of Rs. 1,44,500 on the city special scheme which will be shared between the Government and the Corporation pending the grant of Central assistance. The figures of actual expenditure are not available. The preventive measures adopted are vaccination and re-vaccination and health education of the people.